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Dear Sir

On March 31, 1997 the reactor staff discovered that contrary to our Reactor Operator Requalification Program, Appendix 3-3 TABLE I, of the Reactor Operations Manual, one task was not performed. This task is Item d. "Participate in Pulse or Square Wave Operations", as shown on the attached page. The tasks are required to be performed during every 2 years requalification cycle.

No pulse or square wave operations have been performed since April, 1994. The most recent 2 year training cycle was January 1994 through December 1996 so we have exceed the requirement by 3 months.

The reasons for the oversight are no demand for pulsing or square wave operations at the facility, and inattention to the reminder schedule.

To correct the oversight, the two licensed SRO's at the facility, Paul Helfer and Richard Perryman completed the required task on April 1, 1997. Full compliance was achieved on this date.

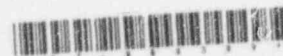
To prevent this from happening again, an item has been added to the annual requalification exam cover sheet to require review of the operator proficiency tasks.

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operations, square wave operations, pulse operations, power calibrations, or control rod calibrations. The operating examinations may be conducted during normal experiment operations and will be administered by the Reactor Supervisor. These functions will be deemed adequate to demonstrate and document continuing operational competence of the Reactor Supervisor.

4. Reactor Operations - On-the-Job-Training

Each Senior Reactor Operator and Reactor Operator will be required to perform certain minimum tasks during the requalification period (2 years) to insure continued competence in the areas listed in 10 CFR 55.59. These minimums are listed in Table I.

TABLE I

	<u>Senior Reactor Operator</u>	<u>Reactor Operator</u>
a. Reactivity Control Manipulations	10	10
b. Daily Startup and Shutdown Checklists	10	10
c. Participate in Monthly Checklists	2	1
d. Participate in Pulse or Square Wave Operations	1	1
e. Participate in Annual Emergency Drills	1	1
f. Review all (1) facility design changes (2) procedure changes (3) facility license changes	within 20 days of issuance	within 20 days of issuance
g. Review emergency procedures	2	2